

## REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 23, 2005. Claims 55 to 64 are pending in the application, with Claims 39 to 44 and 47 to 54 having been cancelled, and Claims 55 to 64 having been substituted therefor. Claims 55, 63 and 64 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 43, 47 to 49 and 50 to 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter; Claims 43, 47 to 49 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement; Claims 39 to 44 and 47 to 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,006,225 (Bowman); and Claims 39 to 44 and 47 to 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over European Patent No. 343918 (Morimoto). Claims 39 to 44 and 47 to 54 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter and without conceding the correctness of their rejections. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

Referring specifically to the claims, newly-added independent Claim 55 is directed to an information providing system. The system includes first registration means for registering first information associated with an identification code, keyword list generation means for generating a keyword list of the registered first information, and second registration means for registering second information associated with the keyword list. The system also includes accepting means for accepting input of the identification code, and acquisition means for acquiring the first information associated with the input identification code. In addition, the system includes search means for searching the second

information based on the keyword list of the acquired first information, and print layout generation means for generating a print layout for laying out a content of the acquired first information on a page together with the searched second information.

Newly-added independent Claims 63 and 64 are respectively directed to a method and a program which are seen to generally correspond to Claim 55.

Thus, among its many features, the invention of Claims 55, 63 and 64 provides for (i) registering first information associated with an identification code, (ii) generating a keyword list of the registered first information, (iii) registering second information associated with the keyword list, (iv) accepting input of the identification code, (v) acquiring the first information associated with the input identification code, (vi) searching the second information based on the keyword list of the acquired first information, and (vii) generating a print layout for laying out content of the acquired first information on a page together with the searched second information.

For example, according to one representative embodiment of the invention of Claims 55, 63 and 64, a print layout can be generated having user desired information together with suitable information for the user desired information, since second information is searched based on a keyword list of acquired first information, and since a print layout is generated for content of the first and second information.

The art of record is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the foregoing features.

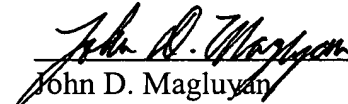
Entry hereof and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Regarding a formal matter, it is respectfully requested to receive an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 27, 2005.

Finally, an Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Amendment.

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